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SUBJ: MTN AGRICULTURE SUBGROUP CHAIRMEN

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1. EMBASSY OFFICER QUERIED J.T. FOGARTY, FIRST ASSISTANT SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF OVERSEAS TRADE, MAY 15 (LOCAL TIME) RE POSSIBLE GOA SUPPORT FOR U.S. PREFERENCES FOR SUBGROUP CHAIRMEN PER REFTEL. FOGARTY REPLIED THAT GOA LARGELY LEAVING THIS MATTER TO DISCRETION OF AMBASSADOR WARWICK-SMITH IN GENEVA. FOGARTY SIAD THAT GOA BELIEVES TOO MANY SECRETARIAT PEOPLE HAVE RECENTLY SERVED AS SUBGROUP CHAIRMEN AND THAT "NATIONAL" OFFICIALS SHOULD SERVE AS CHAIRMEN INsofar AS POSSIBLE. HE ADDED THAT GOA SUPPORTS U.S. VIEW THAT BEST MEN AVAILABLE SHOULD SERVE AS CHAIRMEN, IMPLYING THAT HE BELIEVES "NATIONAL" CANDIDATES GENERALLY QUALIFY.

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2. FOGARTY DECLINED TO BE DRAWN OUT ON SPECIFIC CANDIDATES GOA WOULD SUPPORT. HOWEVER, HE OBSERVED THAT SHOULD OTHER COUNTRIES NOMINATE AUSTRALIANS (E.G. DONOVAN FOR GRAINS OR TEESE FOR MEAT SUBGROUP), GOA WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY BE PREPARED TO SUPPORT THEM. HE ALSO SAID THAT GOA WOULD SUPPORT EITHER FALCONER OR AMBASSADOR EASTERBROOK-SMITH, BOTH NEW ZEALANDERS, FOR MEAT SUBGROUP CHAIRMEN.
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